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First non-Air Force space surveillance officer in NMCC

Army special forces major reaches for the stars

By Tech. Sgt.

Lee Roberts

Joint Staff Public Affairs

An Army Special Forces officer assigned to the National Military Command Center recently culminated training to perform critical integrated tactical warning and attack assessment - an achievement Joint Staff officials say authorizes him to "reach for the stars."

Army Maj. Brian Vines, assistant deputy director for operations



Brian Vines

on watch team No. 3, successfully completed a four-hour qualification test March 11 certifying him as the first-ever, non-Air Force space surveillance of-

ficer in the NMCC.

Marine Brig. Gen. Michael J. Aguilar, deputy director for operations and leader of the watch team, presented Vines with a certificate of training March 12 and talked about the significance of the milestone.

The general, who desires to have multi-certified individuals throughout his team, said Vines' accomplishment is a positive step toward this goal and to enhancing the profes-

sional development of the entire operations team. By having team members cross train to become space surveillance officers, they are exposed to space and missile activities, Aguilar said. Likewise, the space and missile officer can now benefit by learning how to work in other positions.

Vines, a native of New Caney, Texas, said that he really likes Aguilar's approach because he is able to gain knowledge about ser-

vice unique practices and cultural differences, and learn new job skills and apply them immediately.

"Each watch team kind of has its own personality and they do things their own way. Some teams will train someone to work as a senior operations officer and they'll work their entire time in that one job," Vines said.

"Our team tends to rotate people around to learn different job positions. That way when something happens in

On the cover

Flowering cherry blossoms line the shore at the Tidal Basin near the Jefferson Memorial. The National Cherry Blossom Festival draws thousands of tourists to the area and ends Saturday with a parade at 9:30 a.m. on Constitution Avenue between 7th and 17th streets NW. For more information about the festival call (202) 619-7222. Photo by Dede Ralston.

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the command center we have lots of experienced people who can immediately let the right people know about it."

As an Army officer filling a space surveillance post, Vines monitors and then briefs the general on worldwide air, space and missile events. The major said he is amazed at the large role space systems play in every military operation, and is excited about supporting the general, and contributing to the watch team and his co-workers.

Air Force Maj.

Scott Shepherd, the space and surveillance officer who trained Vines, said the general's plan to train other officers how to do his job is a fantastic idea.

"It's a great opportunity for Vines and other team members to be exposed to space, which is a growing environment and the environment of the future," Shepherd said.

"And it gives Air Force officers a more rounded tour by freeing them up to get trained in some other positions. I think it's great professional development for all officers on the team and it can only be a win-win situation."

Shepherd said



Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts

Vines on the job in the NMCC.

Aguilar's decision to cross train officers on the team says a lot

about how far the military has come in joint operations and in reap-

ing the benefits of learning each other's business.

Information assurance awareness week

Be a 'desktop defender'

By Army Lt. Col. John K. Kashishian
Joint Staff Information Resource Management

Information Assurance Awareness Week is Monday through April 16.

The purpose of the week is to increase the security awareness of all computer users and security managers on the Joint Staff.

The "awareness" of the IAAW starts with a grass roots approach with folks getting to know who their security managers are and what that person's job is.

Directorate security managers will be offering training throughout the week on a variety of subjects ranging from strong passwords to operations security on the worldwide web.

A primary goal of the week is to change all the system passwords to

good strong passwords that cannot be easily guessed. We are recommending a twelve-string password that incorporates a combination of upper and lower case, numbers, and symbols.

Other activities include checking around desktops for stray floppydisks. Check and scan them for viruses and properly classify and mark or label the disks.

Throughout the week there will be a demonstration and information table in corridor 9/10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with subject matter experts on hand to provide advice and assistance as well as handouts.

Thus, while information assurance professionals across the staff shoulder a large share of the security burden, theirs is no more important

than the little unnoticed actions the individual user can add to strengthen our core competency - Information Superiority.

Each one of us is a "Desktop Defender!" People should take time to participate and train this week. See your directorate security manager for more details.

All directorate security managers will be armed with briefings, handouts and literature.

Joint staffers can also get the latest information assurance awareness information briefings by going to the G:/ drive on JSIN under Security Awareness.

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Information Assurance Awareness Week at glance

The following themes will be used during Information Assurance Awareness Week. Corresponding briefings are available on the Joint Staff shared "G" drive.

Monday: Strong passwords

Who are your computer system security officers? What are their jobs?
How strong is your log on password?

Answer: Change all system passwords Monday through Friday.

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Tuesday: Cyber responsibility

What are your computer legal and ethical responsibilities?

Answer: Review and update the Joint Staff User Agreement Statement.

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Wednesday: Media blitz

Who's watching? Who cares? Hackers and Crackers!

Do you virus scan incoming messages and files?

Answer: Check your area for computer disks; scan for viruses and mark according to proper classification.

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Thursday: Use caution when sending via e-mail

Do you practice Operations Security on the WorldwideWeb?

What electronic information can be processed on JSIN? SIPRNET?

Answer: G:\SECURITY AWARENESS\OPSEC.ppt

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Friday: Physical/personnel security - friend or foe?

What security checks and procedures do you follow at the end of the day?

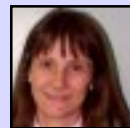
Does everyone have a "Need to Know?" Do you know your maintenance people?

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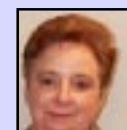


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No time to pause in Kosovo

More planes, more power, more pressure for Operation Allied Force

By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

BRUSSELS, Belgium — More planes. More power. More pressure. That's what the United States and NATO have planned for Operation Allied Force.

"NATO forces are beginning to inflict increasing damage on Yugoslav forces that are responsible for the death and devastation in Kosovo," Defense Secretary William S. Cohen told international reporters here April 7.

"This is no time to pause." In the days ahead, Cohen said, U.S. Apache helicopters, A-10s and other NATO forces

will increasingly attack tanks, armored personnel carriers and individual ground units as the campaign intensifies. The United States has also agreed to send still more planes requested by U.S. Army Gen. Wesley Clark, NATO's Allied Force commander. Pentagon planners are still working out the details.

After meeting with Clark and other NATO officials here, Cohen reported that "NATO intends to stay the course." He said the NATO air strikes are in response to the "unspeakable brutality" inflicted on the Kosovar Alba-

nians by Milosevic and his "hooded thugs."

"This a fight for justice over genocide, for humanity over inhumanity, for democracy over despotism, for freedom over fear, and a future of hope instead of a past of hatred," Cohen said.

"These are the values of NATO's members and they are values worth fighting for no matter how long this campaign must continue." NATO's goals are clear and its determination undiminished, according to the secretary. "We will reject any settlement that freezes the result of Milosevic's genocide and re-

wards him for his brutality," he said.

Milosevic must stop the killing, withdraw his forces, permit democratic self-government in Kosovo and accept an international, NATO-led peacekeeping force, Cohen declared.

"When these conditions are met, the refugees will be able to return to their homes to rebuild their lives."

NATO's air campaign is accomplishing the tasks set out for it, Clark told reporters at SHAPE headquarters in Mons.

"It's very serious. It's going to be sustained. It's going to progressively intensify the destruction and consequent pressure on President

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Milosevic," the general said.

The operation has two fronts, Clark explained. First, NATO forces are conducting strategic strikes against Yugoslav army and special police force headquarters and infrastructure in and around Belgrade. At the same time, they are increasing tactical strikes against Serb ground forces in Kosovo.

"Clear skies and fair weather are a big help in this regard," Clark noted referring to attacks against ground units. "But even under overcast [skies], rain and other tough conditions, we've continued to hit the other forces. We are having an impact."

The operation is far from over, according to the commander. "Yugoslavia has a



Air Force Photo by Air Force Senior Airman Stan Parker

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen shakes hands with personnel stationed and deployed to Aviano Air Base, Italy, in support of NATO Operation Allied Force, on Thursday.

very significant military infrastructure and full array of military forces with alternate and secondary positions," he said. Storage depots are well

concealed and dispersed. "There are many, many targets that have not been struck," Clark declared. "We know where they are. We're

coming after them."

In the end, Clark asserted, NATO will prevail. Milosevic should not underestimate the "strength of NATO's determination," he said. The Serb leader must understand that "NATO sometimes takes a little longer to grip a problem than a single autocratic regime, but when it grips it, it has an iron grip and it doesn't let go."

More than 430 aircraft, about half U.S., are now participating in Operation Allied Force aimed at degrading Milosevic's military capabilities. About 7,300 U.S. troops and 6,000 NATO troops directly support air operations at Aviano Air Base, Italy, and other European bases. U.S. and NATO war ships in the Adriatic and Mediterranean Seas are also taking part in the allied effort.

DOD airlifts rations to Balkans

Daily flights carry 500,000 pounds HDRs to refugees

By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department is airlifting 500,000 humanitarian daily rations to the Balkans, and more are ready to go if needed, according to the Pentagon's top logistician.

Each package contains one day's complete food requirement for one person, said Army Lt. Gen. John M. McDuffie. The high-calorie, grain-based meals contain no meat, and are suitable for all religions, he said. The Pentagon has distributed these humanitarian rations during relief operations around the world since 1993.

McDuffie, the Joint Staff's director of logistics, met with Pentagon report-



Photo by Michael J. Sanders

Pallets of humanitarian rations await airlift at Dover AFB, Del.

ers April 2, shortly after attending a White House meeting focused on providing U.S. aid to refugee relief efforts underway in the Balkans. Earlier in the week, President Clinton authorized an

additional \$50 million in emergency aid. The money is intended to augment

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U.S. contributions to the U.N. High Commission on Refugees and other relief organizations, Clintons said. It will also ensure the military can help them get aid to the people in need.

The first load of 30,000 rations was loaded aboard a U.S. Air Force C-17 that departed Dover Air Force Base, Del., April 3. A U.S. Air Force C-5 also took off for Europe, bearing a 60,000 pound loader, forklifts and other cargo handling equipment. A second C-17 carried an airlift control unit who set up airport operations and manage air traffic control on short notice.

The flights were bound for Italy, where the supplies would be transported to Albania, Pentagon officials said. "The plan right now is to move the rations into Tirana, Albania," McDuffie noted. "That's where our urgent request is right now."

Throughout the week, civilian contract 747 aircraft are slated to carry



Photo by Air Force Lt. Col. Dave Thurston

Army Lt. Gen. McDuffie briefs the media on refugee operations

more rations to Europe where they will be transferred to U.S. military aircraft for transport to the Balkans. In Europe, U.S. European Command officials are shipping 80 U.S. military trucks and 30 State Department trucks to Albania to

help move supplies from ports and airports to the people who need them.

U.S. military officials are also de-

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livering 200 large tents that can sleep 30 people each, 8,000 sleeping bags, 3,000 blankets and 1,500 cots to Macedonia. Another 700 large tents are on pallets in California ready to go to Macedonia.

The 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit is dispatching a 24- person team into Albania and Macedonia to help NATO assess humanitarian operations.

NATO announced April 3 it had instructed the Allied Rapid Reaction Corp to help deal with the humanitarian crisis in Macedonia.

NATO is also developing a concept of operations for sending a humanitarian force of up to 8,000 troops to deal with the situation.

The refugee crisis is reaching massive proportions beyond anyone's expectations, according to Pentagon officials.

About 12,000 NATO forces stationed in Macedonia are setting up camps, erecting tents and other facilities. Because these troops are already in the region, McDuffie noted, the mission is challenging, but not as tough as some he's seen in other parts of the world. The Albanian army is also helping with the flow of refugees, dispersing them from the border into the interior.

Another plus, McDuffie said, is the fact that basic infrastructure — roads, ports and airfields — is already in place to conduct operations.

There are useable airfields in Skopje, Macedonia, Tirana and Gadjr, Albania, and near Thessaloniki,

Greece. "While the roads are tough and rutted [and] you can't particularly go fast," he said, "you can at least get there, and you can get the airplanes in as we need." the general said.

McDuffie stressed that DoD is playing a supporting role in the relief effort. The United Nations and non-government agencies had already prepared for the possibility of a refugee crisis. They pre-positioned food in the area, he said. OXFAM, a British humanitarian organization, is flying in significant water production and water purification capability into the region, McDuffie added.

"There's enough food in the region to sustain about 400,000 refugees for an extended period of time," he said. "There's 20,000 metric

tons here in Montenegro that U.N. relief agencies are now getting their hands on."

Food stored in Pristina, Kosovo's main city, however, was reportedly destroyed, McDuffie said. There are currently no plans to airlift food to refugees within the war torn province, he added. The high threat from Yugoslav air defenses, make the prospect of an airdrop very dangerous, he said.

Airdrops within Kosovo might end up resupplying the Serb military more than feeding Kosovars, McDuffie said. "Secondly, you would be establishing almost a magnet for Kosovars to put them in harm's way — they could be rounded up by the Serbs even more.

So we don't see air drops during this non-permissive environment as an option."

27 joint staffers selected for promotion

Congratulations to the following Joint Staff people who were recently selected for promotion

Navy captain

J-3: Stanley V. Degus and John C Noulis.

J-5: Gregg S. Jackson, Thomas M. Joyce, Michael G. Mulcahy, John H. Orem, Steven H. Ross, and David N. Thorson.

J-6: Basil H. Harris and Shawn R. Tallant.

J-7: Robert K. Crumplar and Roberta Spillane.

J-8: Michael A. Durnan, James L. O'Keefe, Brian C. Prindle, and Randolph K. Young.

Marine lieutenant colonel

OCJCS: William K. Lietzau

J-3: Robert W. Lanham, David R. McKinley, Paul J. O'Leary, and Michael A. Wesche.

Army master sergeant

DOM: Clark A. Crider, Bobby Gilchrist, and George Vasquez.

J-3: Michael R. Collins, Shirley M. Rees, and Dennis C. Schmidt.

Kosovo operations drive up traffic at Air Force Web site

WASHINGTON (AFPS) --Interest in Operation Allied Force drove traffic at Air Force World Wide Web sites to new records between March 21-28.

Air Force Link, the official web site of the Air Force, had more than 2.15 million visitors for the week -- an increase of more than 300,000 over the previous week and more than 200,000 over the previous record set.

Current events in Kosovo account for much of the traffic increase and re-

cent additions to the Air Force news services to help satisfy public and Air Force audiences' hunger for hot news.

The Air Force recently launched the U.S. Air Force Online News, its official corporate newspaper. The weekly publication provides a look at top news facing the Air Force, commentary on important issues and letters to the editor on items that hit close to home for readers. Also, Online News uses a breaking news Web page to keep readers up to

date between weekly editions.

The traffic increase demonstrates the importance of the Web to the Air Force's communication, said David Compton, senior administrator of the Air Force Web Information Service.

"People are not satisfied with day-old news. They want news on demand and are relying more and more on online sources for their information."

Internet users can visit the Air Force Web site at www.aflink.mil.

News briefs

USO Metro needs volunteers for run

The USO of Metropolitan Washington needs individuals and groups to volunteer for the second annual Colt-USO Defenders Ten Mile Run.

Volunteers are needed May 21 from 3 to 7 p.m., May 22 from 12:30 to 5 p.m., and May 23 from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for set up and clean up, course marshalling, the start/finish line, registration packet pick up, medical/first aid and water stations. All volunteers get a free race T-shirt, complimentary food and tickets to

area events.

All proceeds go back to USO-Metro programs and services for military people and their families. The organization serves more than 50,000 people in the Washington-Baltimore region.

For more information, or to get a volunteer registration form, call Beth Bradner at (703) 696-3279 or visit these websites: www.run.washington.com or www.usometrodc.org.

PBMO, DPS enforce smoking policies

Under the DoD Smoke-Free Workplace policy,

smoking tobacco products is prohibited in all DoD-owned buildings and in all leased buildings where work is performed by DoD military or civilian personnel.

The principal purpose of the policy is to provide a safe and healthy workplace that is reasonably free from pollutants, including tobacco smoke. Environmental tobacco smoke (also referred to as secondhand, sideline, or passive smoke) is a major source of indoor air pollution and has been proven to cause adverse health effects.

Most smokers comply with the policy and respect the rights of non-smokers

by obeying building signs; however, many continue to violate posted signs. In response, the Pentagon Building Management Office and the Defense Protective Service will renew their efforts to curb violations. Beginning immediately, DPS officers will resume their practice of reporting to the PBMO the identities of individuals found smoking in unauthorized areas. The PBMO will then forward the names to violators' supervisors and request that administrative action be taken.

For further information, please contact Dr. Alan Smith, PBMO, 697-7351.

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Promotion ceremony

Army Gen. Henry H. Shelton (Left), Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, promotes Army Sgt. 1st Class Jamey Ryan II, enlisted aide to the chairman, to the rank of master sergeant during a ceremony April 1 in the Chairman's Dining Room. Ryan's wife, Candy, helped pin on the new rank. Ryan's guests included Mrs. Bobbe Hartzog, Army Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Bobrosky, and Marine Sgt. Maj. Ralph Guerro.



Photo by Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Mamie Burke

Promotion ceremony

Army Gen. Henry H. Shelton, (Left), Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, promotes Army Sgt. 1st Class Mark Jones, senior aide to the chairman, to the rank of master sergeant during a ceremony April 1 in the Chairman's Dining Room. Jones' wife, Lorrie, and mother, Murlene helped pin on the new rank. Jones' guests included Rear Adm. Ray Smith, Maj. Gen. Joseph Kellogg, Brig. Gen. Bob Wagner, Army Sgt. Maj. Robert Hall, sons Mark and Nicholas, brother, Gilbert and sister-in-law Penny.



Courtesy photo

Promotion ceremony

Rear Adm. Thomas R. Wilson, J-2 director for Intelligence, (Left), promotes Seaman Shanta Hamm, J-2 administrative assistant, to the rank of petty officer third class. Hamm graduated in the top ten percent of her Yeoman School and was advanced to the rank for her academic achievement. Her guests included her mother, Sharon Dalles, of Quitman, Ga.



End-of-tour ceremony

Army Maj. Gen. Stephen T. Rippe, (Left), vice director of the Joint Staff, presents the Defense Meritorious Service Medal April 8 to Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts, editor and founder of the J-Scope, during an end-of-tour ceremony in the Chairman's Dining Room. Roberts' guests included his parents Myrna and Bill Gibson, and Grandmother Margaret Llewellyn, of Keysville, Va.

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Roommate wanted by mid April to share three bedroom, two-and-one-half bath townhouse in Alexandria, Va. Home is less than five miles from the Pentagon. All the amenities you can imagine. Call (703) 845-3742 for more information.

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Saturday, 7 a.m to 1 p.m., 5400 Old Mill Rd. in Alexandria near Mt. Vernon. Furniture, small appliances, clothes, microwave, answering machine, bicycles, compact-discs, tapes,

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Name: Army Sgt. LaFaye C. Ross-Brown

Organization: Joint Resource Management Office

Duty title: Customer Support Engineer

Time in service: 10 years

Hometown: New Orleans

Family: Husband, Valroy

Hobbies: Reading, music and traveling

Most embarrassing moment: I really don't have one right now (at least I can't remember), but I'm sure my co-workers will let me know.

Favorite duty station: 106th Signal Brigade, Corozal, Panama

Career Highlights: Being selected for the Joint Staff.

Each directorate of the Joint Staff has one or more individuals assigned the additional duty of Unit Public Affairs Representative or UPAR. The UPAR's job is to help tell the story for that organization by reporting news about unit and individual activities and achievements to the J-Scope. UPARs also process Hometown News Release forms, assist with publicity for special events, and identify story ideas for future publication. Contact your assigned UPAR if you have a story to tell, have won an award, been promoted, or need to publicize a special event.

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Sustaining hope

An overview of the base camp in Tirana, Albania.

The 86th Contingency Response Group deployed to Tirana, Albania, April 4, as the lead element in support of

Operation Sustain Hope, the U.S effort to bring in food, water, medicine, relief supplies, and to establish camps for the refugees fleeing from the Former Republic of Yugoslavia.



Photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Scott Reed